[*Translation*]

**Inspection by Sub-Committee on Official Language**

1739. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sub-Committee on Official Language is allowed to inspect the Department concerned to see if the recommendations made by the Committee have been implemented;

(b) whether action is taken against the Department in case of non-implementation of the recommendations of the Sub-Committee;

(c) whether some Ministries had not accepted the recommendations made by the first Sub-Committee on Official Language, and

(d) if so, the names of such Ministries and the action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (d). Section 4 of the Official Languages Act, 1963 provides for the review of the progress made in the use of Hindi for the official purposes of the Union by a Committee on Official Language consisting of 30 Members of Parliament. The procedure adopted by the Committee for discharging its functions comprises (i) inspections of Ministries/Departments and their attached/subordinate offices, public sector undertakings etc. of the Central Government; (ii) circulating a questionnaire for obtaining information/views/suggestions from offices in (i) above, and (iii) obtaining the opinions of eminent persons working in different fields through oral evidence. The Committee has constituted 3 Sub-Committees from amongst its members for undertaking inspections. To remove the shortcomings noticed during inspections and to improve the position, assurances are given voluntarily by the offices inspected by the Sub-Committees. The Committee reviews the action taken on the assurances through correspondence with the concerned Ministries and during subsequent inspections.

On the basis of conclusions emerging through the reviews made during inspections/discussions, evidences and the informations obtained from the Ministries/Departments/Offices from time to time, the Committee prepares its Report and submits to the President with their recommendations. The Committee has, so far, submitted four parts of its Report to the President and these have been laid before the two Houses of Parliament. The fourth part of the Report relates to the progress made in the use of Hindi in the offices and undertakings of the Central Government. The opinion of the State Governments is being obtained on this part, on consideration of which the directions of the President will be issued according to the Report or part thereof. On the remaining parts of the Report of the Committee, which include its first part as well, the orders of the President have been issued.

[*English*]

**Post Offices in Rural Areas of U.P.**

1740. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Post Offices and Telegraph Offices in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government propose to open new Post Offices particularly in rural areas;